

MEMO ENDORSED

July 27, 2021

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The Hon. Lewis A. Kaplan Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re:

Anthony Rapp and C.D. v. Kevin Spacev Fowler a/k/a Kevin Spacey

Southern District of New York, Case No. 1:20-cv-09586 (LAK)

Motion To Compel Further Responses To Interrogatories And For Other

Discovery-Related Relief

Dear Judge Kaplan:

As Your Honor knows, we represent defendant Kevin Spacey Fowler. I write to raise two related issues.

First, I write concerning a discovery dispute that recently arose between the parties, which could not be resolved through the meet and confer process. Plaintiff Anthony Rapp failed to provide timely responses to Interrogatories served on behalf of Mr. Fowler. When he finally did respond, Mr. Rapp provided no substantive responses to all but one request, instead relying on his belated and baseless objections.

Second, concurrently with these late responses, Mr. Rapp also provided supplemental initial disclosures that identify eight (8) new potential witnesses. Mr. Fowler seeks leave to take over ten (10) depositions in this case and for a brief second deposition of Mr. Rapp to ask him about this recently-disclosed information.

I. The Court Should Compel Mr. Rapp To Provide Substantive Responses To The Interrogatories

Background

Mr. Fowler served his First Set of Interrogatories to Mr. Rapp on April 26, 2021. See Ex. 1. The Interrogatories consist of five requests. Mr. Rapp's responses were due thirty days later, in late May 2021.

Rather than provide responses, Mr. Saghir e-mailed me on May 27, 2021 stating in part: "We will need the courtesy of a two week extension to provide a response to your interrogatories." See Ex. 2. Those additional two weeks came and went without responses from Mr. Rapp. By not

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Defendant's motion to compel plaintiff to answer all of his interrogatories, to expand the number of depositions defendant may take to twenty, and to direct to appear for and testify at an additional session of his deposition of up to two hours is granted in all respects. Plaintiff forfeited any objections to the interrogatories by failing to respond to them for many months. Even if he had not done so, the objections are without merit. The additional depositions sought are reasonable in the interests of an appropriate resolution of this case on its merits. And up to two additional hours of deposition testimony by plaintiff in view of the nature of the case and the plaintiff's recent discovery responses is reasonable and no real imposition on the plaintiff.

SO ORDERED.

Dated:

July 29, 2021

Lewis A. Kaplan

United States District Judge